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BIG NIGHT OF FREE PRIZES

As a climax of our monthly raffles we now face our one yearly raffle to beat all raffles. The raffle, open to all present, will feature, again, one of those excellent Simpson 260 multi-meters. This meter, well remembered by those who have used it, consists of the following maximum ranges: 0 to 5000 volts AC and DC, Mill scales read up to 500 DC and the ohm scales reads to 20 megs. For the complete listings see your catalogs.

Second and third prizes will consist of some of the more commonly used tools found in few of the local ham shacks. There will be long nose pliers and diagonal cutters etc.

These prizes were purchased from the proceeds of the monthly ten cent raffles held at the meeting. As is customary the club will supply the new prize for the January meeting.

We might elaborate on our plan of monthly raffles and explain how it works. Each month we hold a raffle for which ten cent tickets are sold. The winner of the raffle then supplies a prize of not less than one dollar value for the succeeding months raffle. Then at the end of the year, the December meeting, the money received is spent for one large prize and the leftover amount for smaller prizes.

TO ALL

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the following year give you many new DX contacts and many happy contacts with old friends. May your cooperation with your fellow hams result in a more enjoyable hobby. May your cooperation with your friends and neighbors in their times of need give us all a better feeling of friendship to all.

Your editors

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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR NEXT MEETING

Election of officers by all attending eligible members. (Only members whose dues are paid are eligible to vote) Meeting will be temporarily adjourned, preceding the election, allowing all to become current in their dues.

Entertainment will be furnished by Roy Rydberg, showing colored movies of his trip to the Pacific Northwest and west coast.

Free drawing for the Simpson meter will end the years raffle.

Coffee, pop and doughnuts for all.

NEXT MEETING

December 12, 1952

Friday 8:00 P.M.

Fontenelle Hotel

SPLATTER AND SPLUT

From Al Fleming, YOF now residing in Chicago. Al has been on the air from the CAP Wing Control Station, VPØAK, who will shortly be sending out CAP Bulletins by CW and also by voice, so all will be able to hear them and verify copy. The bulletins will be sent out once weekly from 4585, 4507 or 2374 kc.

Al would like to find out how reception of these bulletins are in Nebr.

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From Noel Harman, APK, of Denver:--

Art Gaeth, FQB, is now putting R9 Sigs into the Mile High City since he put on his new 100 watt rig. Noel mentions the boys are getting their share of TVI now that Denver has started telecasting but most of the TVI has been proved to be from industrial sources.

Noel has just completed a 100 watt Geo. Grammer version of the Pi-Net work experimental shassis using a 9mc. Xtal beating against a 5 mc vfo. He claims it works excellently with a bell like note.

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Ferris Cramer, YZK, reports working Jerry Armstrong, NKG, on 20 phone while Jerry was visiting Mig. Becker's in San Jose, Calif. He reports that Mig is on 20 phone with a low power rig and a makeshift antenna at present and she is constantly on the lookout for contacts with her many Omaha friends.

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Geo. Baughman, AFZ, puts a vote in favor of mobile identification, but would like to find out the exact colors to use. Geo. mentions it would be a fine advancement toward mobile QSO's for those who actively participate.

He is on the air at present with a KW but with an antenna that is only SO--SO.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Ed. Gutman opened the meeting. He called attention to the convention at Topeka on Dec. 6 and 7; several expressed their intention of going.

Olson and Gaeth reported on the ARRL Director's conference in Omaha last Nov. 2; the main business of the meeting was to study and redraft the constitution of the proposed Federation of Clubs. It was voted that a letter be sent to the Midwest Director approving the idea of the Federation.

Four books on Radio, donated by Alco Radio, Inc., were voted to be assigned to the club library under custody of John Leeder.

The matter of the Omaha Amateur Emergency Corps came up for vote, under seven headings; briefly they were; the corps should operate as a subsidiary of the club, though open to all amateurs; it should operate for the Police, each unit should be assigned a permanent unit number; one Net Control and three alternates should be assigned each mobile unit should have a relief operator; a committee of three should be formed to carry on the contact with the police and work out further the details of organizing the Corps. On motion by Ferguson, seconded by Reimund the vote was unanimously affirmative.

The Secretary displayed the recently arrived QSL card of the Milwaukee Radio Club and called attention to the write up of the Omaha U. Indian run to Crete; PXJ had no public comment.

The monthly prize was won by Eilers.

A tape recording of the new governor-elect Bob Crosby's interview of Nov. 2nd on license plates, held over the 75 meter phone net, was played back for the information of all. On motion by Olson, it was unanimously voted to buy the tape for use in the forthcoming effort to secure special license plates for the Nebraska hams. Gaeth gave some very pointed suggestions on how to work out some of the details of the campaign. On motion by Olson, it was

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NEWS FROM AROUND TOWN

Frank Cooper, IOS has just completed a month's business trip (business he says) into the southwest where he visited quite a few W7's, W5's and W0.

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The Armstrongs just returned from a trip to California. They visited the Beckers and had a wonderful time.

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W0ISV has left for New Mexico and many points West and South West. He plans to stay with his Daughter until after the Holidays.

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The Olsons W0JKE, and W0MJK were in Kansas City Friday November 21, they were there to see the RI and to see a little of the town.

They were met by W0ISV, and all took in the Heart of the Nation Radio Club.

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EVENTS FROM OUT OF TOWN

November 25th Nebraska enjoyed its first major snow storm, a first class blizzard with the exception of the temperature. Many lines of communication were down and many people caught away from home.

The Nebraska Phone Net went into operation at about 6pm the 25th with W0VYX (we stand corrected on the call shown in the Nov. HAM-HUM for the new NCS) acting as net control.

A mighty fine performance was turned in by the net and Amateur Radio once again won many friends.

To mention only one of the many workers is to state that VYX's rig was not turned off for over 24 hours.

M. A. R. S.

Currently the Net trend seems to lean toward discussion of M. A. R. S., hence this airing of one lone opinion.

Our basic understanding of M. A. R. S. is to give a better net service to the residents of our state. A QRM free channel, a regimented and highly drilled body of operators.

This, to the quick glance, is quite in order; effective and efficient, but to examine the question at hand is only to lead to great confusion.

The most important thing in our mind is why a M.A.R.S.? Have we gone Net happy? Have our present Nets shown a lack of response to emergencies? ie Snow Bound with the numerous Public Service certificates---The flood of 52 with the heart warming thanks of the citizens of Council Bluffs.

Past experience has brought forward the guardians of the frequencies with their courteous request to keep the frequency clear for emergency traffic and the even more courteous manner in which the many individuals do respond.

For many years the Amateur has been proud of his status "The Individual", to operate his rig in the most advanced state of the art.

Perhaps proper publicity has not been given the Nebraska Phone Net on 3983 kcs. and the Nebraska CW Net on 3520 kcs. The phone boys handle traffic every day of the week and the CW boys 5 days a week. Can we expect a more comprehensive drill than the actual handling of messages?

Are we to desert our traffic nets for MARS?

Are we to desert amateur radio for MARS?

Have our past capabilities ceased to exist?

(Editors note:-This article is not meant to be controversial but only to serve as an analysis of the questions involved. Comments will be welcomed at P.O. Box 626.)

HAVE YOU TOO MUCH MONEY ALSO?

Believe it or not many non-members of the club are writing and inquiring as to what the cost of the newspaper is.

Again we will state the newspaper has no price tag. Any donations are graciously received but the only requirement is that you fill the enclosed postal card with news and drop it in the nearest mailbox.

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Is your QST subscription about to expire? See The Club Secretary with your \$4.00. Support ARRL - Support your Club - Support yourself.

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F.C.C. - AMATEUR RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations concerning Amateur Radio are contained in a pamphlet entitled "Rules Governing Amateur Radio Services including part 12." Another pamphlet also of value to Amateurs is entitled "Rules Governing Land Transportation Radio Services including part 16". Both of these pamphlets are published by the U. S. Government Printing Office and may be obtained for 10 cents each by sending the necessary cash, money order or coupons to:

The Superintendent of Documents
U. S. Government Printing Office
Division of Public Documents
Washington 25, D. C.

At the back of each pamphlet is a form to be filled which when mailed to the

Federal Communications Commission
Washington 25, D. C.
will bring all of the changes in the rules so that you will at all times be up to date on the rules.

It is recommended by the F. C. C. that all amateurs procure copies of these pamphlets.

(The above from "SPLATTER" The Minneapolis Radio Club Paper)

MORE SPLATTER AND SPLUT

Congratulations are in order for Marion Olson upon receiving her ticket. She is now WØMJK.

Marion has the distinct honor of being the only XYL, at this time, in Omaha to have successfully passed and received her amateur license.

Coincidentally, Marion's call of MJK is within one letter of her Old Mans, Earle Olson, JKE, the only difference being Marion has an "M" in her call where Earle has an "E" in his call, both calls having the letters JK. That is one for the books.

Marion will be on 10 Phone in the near future.

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Harold Prell, VIG, is going to be heard on the air more regular now that the new underground garage is practically completed.

Harold is using the two folded dipoles fed 135° out of phase beam on 20 and its smaller counterpart about it for 10.

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Roy Rydberg made his General Class last month.

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FOR SALE:--

Marty Helsing, ZPZ, is being transferred to Mt. Vernon, Ill. and wishes to offer his entire Xmitter and NC 173 receiver for sale.

The Xmitter has push-pull 810's in the final, modulated by 805's. The entire rig is neatly built in a 6' Par Metal cabinet with safety interlocks and plenty of tolerance on all parts. Marty is asking only \$450.00 for the entire Xmitter and receiver. Anyone interested can call Marty at Webster 5765 or come to 1933 so. 10 St. to see the entire set up.

A SNOW BALL MOBILE

After a great many hours operating mobile in this healthy Nebraska climate we have observed and recorded some very interesting phenomenon. The result of our studies have lead us to believe that winter time mobile operation is.

But on the other hand mobile operation may be undertaken with certain precautions taken in advance.

The following extra equipment should be regarded with the same loving care as that given the XYL, for it too will keep you active on those cold winter days which lie ahead.

The lowly carpenters hammer will rise to the occasion and supply you with a method of entering the mobile shack, should you find it covered with ice and snow. To use, apply vigorously to the right door window. (We recommend the right window as you will need to crank the left window down to signal turns) If after breaking the window you find you are not able to wiggle your once slim torso inside, reach in and release the lock and enter in the customary manner.

Disregard comments about your batteries short life as you can easily purchase a new one. Your service station has a never ending supply of them.

Should you be plagued with a rock which has drifted a few kc out of the band due to the sub-zero temperatures, 'tis simple. The common gasoline blow torch when applied to the rock will move it right back to summer time operation. Better yet, mount the torch behind the panel with the knob protruding and presto a mobile VFO.

Also when operating mobile during the winter months and from a congested part of the city with a heavy layer of snow on the ground one must bear in mind.

A keen sense of value is a prerequisite to winter time mobile operation. So rare is a signal heard from.

MINUTES CONTINUED.

unanimously voted to send to the Nebraska SCM a pledge of full cooperation by the Club: Olson was delegated to word and send the message. A committee of three--Fried, Gaeth, and Olson--was appointed to work in the Clubs behalf.

The highlight of the evening was Reimund's comments as he showed his Kodachromes taken while he was MI3RR.

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FOR SALE:

Frank Cooper has 300 feet of KW twin lead to dispose of. All who are interested see Frank WØIOS.

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